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Housing scheme in town panchayats too

CHENNAI: The Kalaingar Housing Scheme (KHS), now being implemented in village panchayats, would be extended to town panchayats also, Chief Minister M Karunanidhi announced at a review meeting held at the Secretariat on Tuesday.

The hutments in all town panchayats would be surveyed and identity cards would be issued to deserving families. Poor people in hilly areas of Udhamandalam and Kodaikkandal were living in hutments with roofs made of plastic and tinsheets. As a special case, these hutments would also be brought under the KHS and identity cards would be issued.

The Chief Minister congratulated the officials concerned for completing 4,063 houses for the hut dwellers in various parts of the State so far. Under the KHS, 21 lakh houses would be constructed within a span of six years and in the first phase, three lakh houses would be constructed by January 2011.

Works were in progress in 13 districts of Kanyakumari, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Sivaganga, Coimbatore, the Nilgris, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Dindigul, Theni, Madurai, Karur and Tirupur, to complete the three lakh concrete houses.